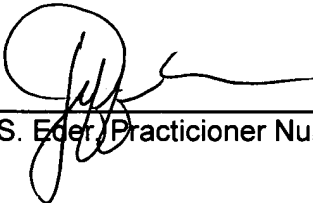


REMARKS

Claims 1 and 13 are substantially similar to claims 1 and 6 in U.S. Patent 6,249,768. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the present application as amended herewith.

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